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## EDUCATIONAL

### Addresses to be Made in Big Sandy Valley by Eminent Men.

An imposing array of speakers has been secured by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. G. Crabbe to conduct the grand Kentucky Educational rally which will be held November 29 to December 8. There are five prominent educators from other Southern States, and the rest are well known Kentuckians of prominence in educational circles and other leading walks of life. They will go into every county of the State and actively stump for the cause. The five speakers from other States are: State Superintendent Thomas C. Miller, of West Virginia; State Superintendent J. N. Powers, of Mississippi; State Superintendent R. L. Jones, of Tennessee; Dr. P. P. Claxton, Dean of Education of the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville; and the Hon. D. J. Kern, of Rockford, Illinois.

To help your schools, your girls, and boys, is the avowed intention of the campaign and the importance of its mission will surely be appreciated and educational work will receive a lasting benefit from the spread of the "exquisite gospel" that is to be heralded.

For this part of the State H. H. Cherry, a prominent Superintendent and educator, and Thomas C. Miller, Superintendent of Public Instruction for West Virginia, have been selected.

The campaign for the cause of education will begin Sunday, Nov. 22, and will continue until December. The following appointments have been made for Mr. Cherry and Mr. Miller:

Sunday—Boyd county: Catlettsburg, morning; Ashland, night.  
Monday—Lawrence county: Buchanan, morning; Louisa, afternoon; and Peach Orchard, night.  
Tuesday—Martin county: Inez, afternoon; Davella, night.  
Wednesday—Johnson county: White house, morning; Paintsville, afternoon.  
Thursday—Magoffin county: Falcen, morning; Salyersville, afternoon.  
Friday—Floyd county: Prestonsburg, afternoon.  
Saturday—Pike county: Coal Run, morning; Pikeville, afternoon.  
Sunday—Carter county: Olive Hill, night.

It will be observed that the speaking here will be in the afternoon of Monday Nov. 30. We are all interested in the cause of education, and it is hoped and ardently desired that on the occasion referred to the Court House will be crowded with interested hearers.

### Going West.

Lawrence county will soon lose two of her best citizens, both of whom will move to Missouri. We refer to Chas. W. Diamond and Stant Dean. They have sold their property here and purchased real estate in Missouri. Mr. Dean and family are on their way to their new home now and Mr. Diamond and family will go about Dec. 1st. We commend these people to their new neighbors as worthy of every confidence. We regret very much to lose them, but hope their expectations of bettering their condition may be fully realized.

### Annual Inspection.

General Manager Doyle, Superintendents Goodwin and Fox and several other C. & O. high officials, went up the road last Saturday on the annual inspection tour made by them.

The train was made up of three private cars, a sleeper and observation car and an inspection car.

Some material improvements in road-bed and equipment at needy points may be expected as a result of the inspection.

### Masonic Sermon.

On next Sunday morning Rev. G. C. Hutchison, pastor of the M. E. Church South, will use a subject of special interest to the Masonic fraternity and everybody is invited to hear it.

The discourse will be of general interest also, and the minister hopes to have a large audience present.

## Bierley-Billups.

The following is from the Chillicothe News-Advertiser of recent date. The bride is a handsome young lady well known here where her father was born and where she has visited:

Miss Beale G. Billups, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Billups, of South Hickory street, and Louis Bierley were united in marriage at noon Wednesday at Newport, Ky.

The engagement of this estimable young couple was announced several weeks ago and the fair young bride-elect was charmingly feted by her friends.

They decided to have the ceremony quietly celebrated and so with the consent of the bride's parents, left on the early train Wednesday morning for Cincinnati, thence to Newport, where the bridegroom has relatives.

They telegraphed the bride's parents at one o'clock that the knot was tied and that they would leave for Indianapolis, thence to Columbus to visit relatives until Sunday.

The bride wore a handsome brown suit with a brown silk tailored waist and hat and gloves to match.

Upon their return they will make their home with the bride's parents on South Hickory street.

The bridegroom is a former Portsmouth boy but has been employed in this city for some time at the Schilder garage on South Walnut street.

Both are well known and their host of friends will eagerly await the opportunity to extend hearty felicitations.

## Another Emigrant.

Another of this county's good farmers and citizens is going to try his luck in other quarters of this broad land. Burnam Roberts has concluded to see what Arizona holds besides horned frogs and centipedes, and will, with his family, leave for that arid land next Tuesday. Gafford is the name of his new post-office. The News wishes Mr. Roberts and his family good luck and good health in their new home. Dumas Bradley and family will for awhile at least, live on the Roberts farm.

## CONFEDERATE CANNON

### Stolen from Camp During the Civil War, to be Used in Celebrating the Taft Victory.

The most unique cannon that will be fired by the Republicans of Kentucky in celebrating Taft's election is that in the family of Reuben Patrick of Magoffin county, which was taken from the Confederates during the Civil War and is the first breech-loading cannon ever used in the American army.

The cannon belonged to a squad of artillerymen commanded by Capt. J. J. Schofield, of Iuka, Ill., and was invented by a man named Williams, a son of the inventor, now lives in Covington.

The cannon was one of the battery of six that was cast at Williams' request, and while being taken from Kentucky to Virginia by Col. Tom Johnson, was stolen from the camp near Salyersville. It has been in the family of the Patricks since that time and they have used it in celebrating many Republican victories.

Judge Jeff, the keeper of the Confederate records, has been getting information about the gun for some time, and it is probable that it will eventually become a part of the State Museum, and be placed in the care of the State Historical Society for safe-keeping, so that Kentuckians who visit Frankfort may see it.

Stephen McClure and wife arrived from Sumpter, S. C., last week for a visit to Kentucky relatives. The condition of Mr. McClure's health is such that he was compelled to leave the South and seek another climate. He will soon go to Arizona for a stay in that dry atmosphere. Mrs. McClure will remain here.

## ABSQUATULOUS.

### A Cynthia Paper Calls Mountain Republicans by a Bad Name.

The Cynthia Democrat has some notions of its own about the mountain end of the Ninth District and wants to trade us off. Listen to what he says:

So much defeat has been the lot of the Democratic party in the past twelve years that most of its members, by this time, should be by force of habit "good losers." We try to be "game" when it comes to politics; but there are some phases of the elections in the Ninth Congressional District that do not sit well on one's political stomach. The old cry, fraud, is, as the President would put it, worn "to a frazzle." Both sides in every election are given more or less to pilfering of votes; but the regularity with which returns in the mountain counties are held back, and the regularity with which they come forward, when they do finally come with increased Republican gains has a tendency to make us suspect that our dear Republican brethren of the regions where farms sit up on edge are a little too absquatulous to be entirely honest. If you desire to know what "absquatulous" means, we refer you to the returns from Lewis, Carter, and Boyd counties. In other words those dear Republican friends of ours seem inclined to dally with the figures. We do not care so much about the defeat itself as we do about the way the boys handle the barpoon. They are awful careless like.

The Tenth District seems to suffer much like the Ninth. There, too, the disciples of the Big Stick are given to absquatulation. As a compromise and an arrangement that would prove satisfactory all around, we suggest that the next legislature take a hand in the matter. The Tenth District is apparently hopelessly wedded to its Republican idol.

In the Ninth the Republicans are obliged to resort to unchristianlike expedients to win. It would be a distinct gain, then, in statesmanship and religion to abandon the Tenth to the devil and his angels, and put the Ninth safe in the fold of the true faith.

To that end if properly persuaded, we might consent to exchange those dear counties of Lewis, Greenup, Carter, Boyd and Lawrence in the Ninth, for Clark, Montgomery and Menifee in the Tenth. There is nothing small about us—take the five for the three and joy go with them.—Cynthia Democrat.

All very nice, for you, Brother Allen, but excuse us from a combination of that sort. Join the Tenth with Clark, Montgomery and Menifee out? We don't object to being safely Democratic, but not on such terms. The fastnesses of Kinnecock, the wilds of Carter and the jungles of Greenup? Not on your political life.

## Rumored Letting.

It is rumored that contracts have been let for every foot of the extension of the C. & O. Railway from Elkhorn through the "Breaks," and on to the point where it will intersect with the Charleston, Cincinnati & Ohio Railroad, which is being constructed on this way. Work begins this week on the railroad bridge at Elkhorn City.

## "Little Drops of Water."

Few children's hymns have gained a greater popularity than "Little Drops of Water, Little Grains of Sand." Its author, Mrs. J. A. Carney, of Galesburg, Ill., has just died at the good old age of eighty-five. This charming, simple little song, with its familiar analogies, has been sung by children everywhere and has gained for its author a lasting fame that many a more pretentious writer might well envy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McConnell, of Mt. Vernon, O., were visiting at Torchlight last week. Mr. McConnell is an officer and stockholder in the Louisa Coal Company, operating the mines at Torchlight.

## Miss Katherine Freese.

Miss Katherine Freese has matriculated at the Damrosch Institute of Music and Art in New York City, and will not return to Louisa until next June. This is considered the best school of music in the United States. The course includes Voice, Piano and Theory.

Miss Freese went to New York last August to take a special course in vocal and instrumental music. It was not until last week, however, that she decided to enter the Damrosch school. "Only those of decidedly strong talents are admitted there and the fact that Miss Kate has been accepted confirms the claim of her many friends that she has a remarkably fine voice and more than ordinary musical ability.

Miss Freese is instructing a small class in music outside of her hours in school.

While we regret to lose her from Louisa and the K. N. C. even temporarily, we are delighted that she is to have the advantages of the very highest training to finish her already thorough education. When the graduates from the Damrosch school there will be none better than she.—"Big Sandy Against"—Oh, well, you know the rest.

## A Silver Shower.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South, recognizing the fact that something of a drought has prevailed in this section, are going to relieve the condition—and our pockets—with a shower next Tuesday afternoon. It will be an in-door affair at the R. T. Burns mansion, and all are invited to attend. No umbrellas are necessary. Instead you will take a piece of silver, from dimes to dollars—preferably the latter. The good women will reward you and relieve the parched and dry condition by serving ice cream, sherbet and other suitable refreshments. Be sure to be one of the rain makers. Signs of a storm will appear about 2 o'clock.

## Oil in Wayne County.

Our neighbors across the creek are much wrought up concerning oil, and embryo John D. Rockefellers are found in every cornfield and on all street corners. Representatives of the Standard Oil Company are said to be offering fabulous prices for leases.

Ten thousand acres held by three men near East Lynn on the left hand fork of Twelve Pole is the particular object of the oil company. Five thousand acres of the land is owned by Senator B. J. Pritchard, of Wayne. Fifty-two hundred acres are possessed by A. W. Ferguson and Jos. S. Miller, of Kenova.

Only four miles from the location of this land extensive oil operations are being carried on.

## Martin County Primary.

The Republicans of Martin county held a primary election last Saturday, and as a nomination on the Republican ticket in that neck 'o the woods means an election, the strife was hot and the battle strenuous. These are the successful ones: County Judge, J. D. Kirk; County Attorney, W. R. McCoy; Sheriff, J. C. Fletcher; Circuit Clerk, S. M. Maynard; County Clerk, J. S. Casady; Jailer, William Moore; Assessor, Sherman Preece, and Surveyor, Slade West. In several instances the vote was very close, notably between the candidates for Jailer and Sheriff. There were but ten or eleven votes difference.

The Locks will be opened some time next week, to wash out the sand and mud that has accumulated below the dam. The gates where the boats pass through will be the first to be opened, and later the needle dam. The retaining wall which has been under construction for some months, under the supervision of Dr. M. G. Watson, of Louisa, is now nearing completion.—Ashland Independent.

As previously noted in the News George Calvin, the live stock dealer, and one of Boyd county's foremost business men, has gone bankrupt. His schedule of assets and liabilities, as just filed are: Assets, \$23,868.83; liabilities, \$38,601.96; exemption, \$1,760.

## ACCIDENT.

### Pharoah Hensley Injured While at Work on Dam at Saltpeter.

Pharoah Hensley, married, employed by the Ohio River Contract Company, in the construction of the dam at Saltpeter, sustained a very painful and serious accident while at work there last Sunday shortly afternoon. He was engaged near the pile driver when by some means a board fell from a point above his head, striking the man just above the left eye. The wound made was a horrible one. It extended from a point between the eyes to within half an inch of the ear, tearing the flesh from the bone so that part of it hung over the eye. Dr. Wroten was summoned and he went up on No. 16 and dressed the injury. The man is doing very well.

On Tuesday afternoon, Henry Salyer, married, also an employe at the dam, had his hand caught in a sheave and badly mangled. The tip of the thumb was so badly torn that it had to be removed, and all the fingers were more or less torn or bruised. He was brought to Louisa in a buggy and the hand was dressed. He and Hensley will both be laid off for some time.

## Kicked by a Mule.

A twelve year-old boy, a son of Henderson Wells, a well known farmer of the Point, was very seriously injured last Saturday. He had gone too close to one of his father's mules, and the animal kicked him on the head, the iron-shod hoof striking him just above the eye. The boy fell to the ground insensible, and was carried to the house and Dr. York responded to a summons for aid. He found that the skull was fractured, a portion of it being forced into the brain. This was raised and carefully dissected out. The wound was dressed carefully and properly, and notwithstanding the severity of the injury the boy is in a fair way to recover.

## GOOD MAN GONE.

### Nathan Crum, a Prominent Citizen of Martin County, Died Last Wednesday.

Nathan Crum, one of the most prominent men in Martin county and well known in this city died at his home at Inez early last Wednesday morning. He had been an invalid for many years, suffering from frequent and profuse hemorrhages from the nose. To be relieved of this trouble Mr. Crum consulted many physicians and surgeons, spending a large sum of money to secure permanent relief, but all his efforts were in vain. He spent some weeks here at the hospital last summer and the rest and treatment seemed to help him very much, but he had very little hope of lasting benefit. Mr. Crum was 56 years of age. He leaves a widow and two children—Mrs. John Stroglander, of Williamson, and Medley, a young man who for a time was a pupil at the K. N. C.

## Two Failures at Inez.

A report reaches here that Newberry Bros. and Lewis Dempsey, Jr., merchants at Inez, Martin county, have failed in business. They are all deserving men and are simply victims of the business depression. Mr. Dempsey is a nephew of Lewis Dempsey, Sr., one of Martin county's most prominent business men.

Taylor Marcum, of Charleston, died in that city last Wednesday after a long spell of typhoid fever. He was a son of Lacey Marcum, of Huntington and was married. The body was carried to Huntington for interment. The funeral occurred yesterday. Dr. F. D. Marcum, of this place, was with his relative during the last week of his sickness, and C. C. Hill attended the funeral.

## Banner Counties.

Graves County in the First Congressional District, took her place at the head of Democratic counties in the State and rolled up a majority of 3,116 votes for the Democratic ticket. Graves county citizens say that the final count will show that Bryan's majority in that county over Taft will exceed these figures. This is the largest majority the count ever gave for a Democratic candidate. Galloway gave 2,221 and Ballard 1,369 for Bryan, but none of them could approach the record made by Graves county.

In the Republican column the county of Whitley, in the Eleventh District, is at the head of the honor roll. It gave Taft 2,810, Fulmer followed with 1,921, with Knox third with 1,846. Bell gave the Republican ticket 1,784.

The Democrats did not come within hailing distance of carrying a county in the Eleventh District. The county that gave the smallest Republican majority in the Eleventh was Adair, which was carried by Taft by 433 votes. Wayne county gave Taft a majority of 486. The majority of the Eleventh District counties were carried by the Republicans by figures exceeding 1,000.—Enquirer.

## Marriage at Ollioville.

The editor of the Big Sandy News had the unique experience at Thursday noon of this week of being a long distance witness to a marriage that occurred near Ollioville, Lawrence county. By telephone we heard the minister pronounce the hallowed words of a rather lengthy and very impressive ceremony spoken by Rev. J. O. McNeal, of the Methodist church. Also, heard Miss Martha Jane Webb promise to love, cherish and obey Andrew Ball; and the words of Andrew when he said "I will," came to us clearly. The bride is a daughter of Lindsay Webb, an excellent citizen. Mr. Ball is a promising young man. The NEWS extends best wishes to them.

We are indebted to Mr. F. H. Moore, of Cherokee, for the invitation to be a guest at this wedding.

## Johnson County Primary.

From all accounts which have come from the Johnson County primary held last Tuesday it is reasonable to conclude that it was as corrupt as it is possible for such affairs to be. Money, bundles of it, and booze, barrels of it, were spent and guzzled, openly and in secret. There was also a great deal of violence throughout the county. One man is reported fatally shot on Toms creek, and in Paintsville it was knocked down and dragged out all day.

John Wheeler was nominated for Judge; Paul Hager for County Clerk; Dr. M. S. Bays, Attorney; Henry Ward for Sheriff and J. Mead for Superintendent of Schools; Frank Blair, Circuit Clerk; Noah Vanhook, Jailer; Jordan Gibbs, Assessor.

## Jury Disagree.

After a trial at Grayson lasting one week the jury in the case of Frank Kelley, charged with arson and the murder of the Cooper children, failed to agree and the case will be tried again at the next term of the Carter Circuit Court. The jury stood eleven for conviction and one for acquittal. The case against the boy, Alonzo Kelley, and Frank Kelley's mother also goes until the next term. John Sprague has been taken to the penitentiary, there, in all probability, to end his days.

## Bruce Lee Acquitted.

The jury before which was tried Bruce Lee for the killing of Harry Scott, colored in Catlettsburg last June, returned a verdict Saturday morning acquitting the prisoner.

The jury had the case about 14 hours, but were working over the testimony about four hours of that time. For some time it looked as if they would disagree, there being 12 in understood, one or two men on the jury in favor of conviction for involuntary manslaughter.

Being asked for the name of the road from Peach Orchard to Inez the News gives it as the T. M. and W.—two mules and a wagon.